

The Reverend John Woodward House
409 Forbes Avenue
New Haven
New Haven County
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Location: House dismantled by the New Haven Preservation Trust and will be stored until it can be reconstructed on a new lot. The house was formerly located at 409 Forbes Avenue, corner of Forbes and Woodward Avenue.

Present Owner: New Haven Preservation Trust owns dismantled house. Lot was purchased by Shell Oil Corporation. Prior to dismantling, house was residence of Mrs. L. T. Hazall, descendant of Reverend John Woodward.

Present Use: None

Statement of Significance: A modest late-18th century clapboard house, similar to the original house which had been burned by the British in 1779. One of the oldest houses in New Haven. It was built on land purchased from the Indians in 1720. The Woodward family descendants occupied the land for almost two hundred and fifty years.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners:

The jurisdiction of the corner of Forbes and Woodward Avenues has been in dispute between New Haven and East Haven since 1710. By a bill passed in 1960, the corner is officially in the Town of New Haven. The location of the various records connected with the house and land is, therefore, always a matter of question. Both New Haven and East Haven records have been searched.

Connecticut Land Records do not describe the buildings situated on the land, except to mention their existence and to label them "dwelling house" or "barn," etc. Since John Woodward, Sr. owned so much land, transacted much business, and held mortgages on many farms and houses, it is impossible to trace the precise history of the John Woodward House.

The following is an incomplete chain of title to the land upon which the house was built, taken from the New Haven Land Records, for the City of New Haven.

April 8, 1717

Before Sam Bishop, Clerk. To all Christians to whom these presents shall come, John Hodson of New Haven in the county of New Haven within his Majesties Colony of Connecticut in New England joyner sends greeting. Know yoo, that the Sd John Hodson for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and ten pounds of current money of New England to him in hand payd before the ensealing and delivery of these presents by John Woodward of Norwich in the county of New London in Sd colony the receipt whereof to full content and satisfaction, He the said John Hodson his heysr executors and administrators every of them for ever by these presents, and for other good causes him here unto moving, He the Sd John Hodson hath given granted bargained sold aliened enfeaffed conveyed and confirmed and by these presents hath fully freely clerely and absolutely give grant bargain sell aliene enfeaff convey and confirme unto the Sd John Woodward his heysr and assignes forever one home lott containing half an acre and half quarter more or less with a mansion or dwelling house also one warehouse and stable standing and being on Sd homelott as Sd homelott is bounded easterly on the highway northerly on the land and present tenure and occupation of Mrs Mary Trowbridge and southerly on the harbour situate lying and being in New Haven aforesd together with well pump fences stone trees thereon standing or thereunto any ways appertaining with all such rights liberties immunities profits privileges commodities and appertenances as in any kind appertain thereunto with the title interest inheritance property possession claime and demand whatsoever of him the Sd John Hodson of in and to the same and every part thereof to have and to hold all the above granted promises with all and singular appertenances thereof unto the Sd John Woodward his heysr and assignes to him and their own sole and proper use benefitt and behoof from henceforth forever, And the Sd John Hodson for himself his heysr executors and administrators doth hereby covenant promise grant and agree to and with the Sd John Woodward his heysr and assignes in manner and form following (that is to say) that at the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents, he the Sd John Hodson is the true sole and lawful owner of all the aforebargained premisses and stands lawfully seized thereof in his own proper right of a good perfect and indefeazable estate of inheritance in fee simple having in himself full power good right and lawfull authority to sell and dispose of the same

in manner as aforesd and that the Sd John Woodward his heyrs and assignes shall and may henceforth forever lawfully peacably and quietly have hold use occupie possess and enjoy the above granted promises with the appertenances therof free and clere and clerely acquitted and discharged of and from all manner of former and other gifts grants bargains sales leases mortgages signatures demands judgements executions entailed forfeitures and of and from all other titles troubles charges and encumbrances whatsoever had made committed done or sufered to be done by the Sd John Hodson his heyres or assignes at any time or times before the ensealing and delivery hereof, and further the Sd John Hodson doth hereby covenant promise bind and oblige himself his heyres executors and administrators from henceforth and forever hereafter to warrant and defend all the above granted promises and appertenances thereof unto the Sd John Woodward his heyres and assigns against the lawfull claims and demands of all and every person or persons whatsoever and at any time or times hereafter on demand to give and pass such further and ample assurance and confirmation of the premises unto the Sd John Woodward his heyrs and assigns forever, as in law or equity can be reasonably devised advised or required.

In witness whereof the Sd John Hodson hath hereunto sett his hand and seal the third day of October in the Yeare of our lord one thousand seven hundred and sixteen and in the third year of the Reign of our sovrein Lord George King of Brittain France and Ireland. Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us. Signed Jerimiah Atwater and Lydia Rosewell New Haven April 3rd 1717 with seal of John Hodson.

John Hodson of New Haven subscribed to this agreement personally appearing acknowledged it to be his act and deed before me. Signed Jonathan Law.

The herein written and part of the other side is a true record of the original deed. April 8 1717. Signed Sam Bishop, Clerk. Vol. 4, p. 652

January 7,
1716-17

Before Sam Bishop, Clerk. Daniel Collins of East Haven to John Woodward one tract or parcel of land within the township of New Haven containing two acres more or less together with the dwelling house standing on Sd Land...bounded northerly by a highway leading into the oyborshell feild fourteen rods

northerly on land in the present tenure of Nathan Clark thirty rods easterly on the feild commonly called oyborshell feild twelve rods and four foot and southerly on land in the present tenure of John Mayo thirty rods together with..apple trees pear trees peach trees and all other trees... stones and fences. Consideration: twenty one pounds and five shillings. Before Sam Bishop, Clerk April 8 1717. Vol. 4, p. 654.

March 19 1716-17 Nathan Clark of New Haven to John Woodward parcel of land...within the township of New Haven containing one quarter and half quarter of an acre...abuted and abounded northerly two rods on a way leading into the feild commonly called oyborshell feild northerly thirty rods on the sd feild easterly two rods on the afore-said feild and southerly thirty rods on the land in the present tenure of John Woodward. Consideration: twenty shillings. Before Sam Bishop Clerk April 8 1717. Vol. 4, p. 655.

June 19, 1717 Joseph Osborn New Haven to John Woodward one tract or parcel of salt meadow...within township of New Haven on the east side of the harbor containing three acres besides salt ponds at the Sd meadow is abutted and abounded south mostly by a canal on the norther side of the barr commonly called Cranes Barr and southeasterly by salt meadow in the present tenure and occupation of Gorsham Brown and northeasterly by salt meadows in the present tenure of Eleazor Morris and northwesterly by salt meadow in present tenure of Daniel Brown together with nine rods of stone wall. Consideration: Thirteen pounds and five shillings. Before Sam'l Bishop, Clerk June 19 1717.

June 4 1717 John Mayo, Harwich, County of Branstable, Province of Massachusetts Bay to John Woodward one (sp?) or tract of land..containing by estimation two acres be it more or less butted and bounded westerly by a highway leading into oysterhell feild northerly on land in the present tenure of John Woodward easterly on land commonly called the oysterhell feild or the colledge land southerly on the water in the harbor at low water mark, together with the dwelling or mansion house barn shop fences orchard and all trees and stones thereon. Consideration: Thirty six pounds. Before Sam Bishop, Clerk June 19 1717. Vol. 4, p. 721.

April 16, 1717 John Hodson Juyner and Lydia Rosewell widow of Mr. Richard Rosewell, deceased to John Woodward...one farme or parcel of land partly upland and partly meadow and lowland situate in New Haven on the east side of the harbour containing one hundred acres...also a tract of land butted and bounded northerly by a creek running into the aforesd harbour commonly called Elses Creek and northerly and easterly upon the northern and easterly side of lowland to a stone marked "T T" taking in the pastures commonly called the Calme pasture and the upland or field commonly called Spinners field southerly upon swampy or lowland in present tenure of Gorsham Brown and on salt meadow down to said harbor to Elses Creek aforesaid together with the dwelling house barn fences trees underwood herbage grass and stones standing thereon, also one tract or parcell of meadow containing by estimation fourteen acres...lying in the meadow commonly called the Kresh meadow in East Haven said being bounded northerly by meadows in present tenure of Joshua Austin easterly on meadows in present tenure of Saml Russell and southerly on common or unbounded land...also the right and interest of them the said John Hodson and Lydia Rosewell in eighteen acres of salt and fresh meadow lying on the east side of the harbour...and lying undivided between the said John Hodson the said Lydia Rosewell and John Trowbridge and Stephen Trowbridge that is to say nine acres according to the inventory of the estate of McCalob Trowbridge, four acres and an half of said nine acres of meadow lying northward of Sd farme in that tract of land commonly called the old alias the lower Indian field and four acres and an half of Sd nine acres lying southerly of said farme situate in that tract of salt meadow lying near the Barn commonly called Crenes Barn and the Rock called Black Rock. Consideration: two hundred and seventy pounds. Before Samuel Bishop, Clerk, Oct. 24 1717. Vol. 4, p. 772.

Dec. 2, 1719 Isaac Jones to John Woodward one parcel...in New Haven and of the division commonly called the fifth division lying within or near unto that parcel of land commonly called White Hall, containing 32 acres and a half being eighty rods long sixty six rods abutting south on the land of Saml Thomas and north on the land of the widow How and on a highway east and on a highway west as appears by the records of the town....Con-

sideration: twelve pounds. Before Saml Bishop Clerk Dec. 2 1719. Vol. 5, p. 317.

- April 4, 1722 Thomas Tallmadge leases rights to certain land to John Woodward for valuable consideration. Before Saml Bishop Clerk Feb 29 1723-24. Vol. 6, p. 394.
- Dec. 13, 1722 Received of Mr. John Woodward of New Haven ye sum of twenty two pounds seventeen shillings and six pence for land laid out to him by the townsmen the Sd money for the use of the town. Before Saml Bishop Clerk Apr 9 1724. Pay received by me s/David Atwater town treasurer. Vol. 6, p. 397.
- Nov. 23, 1726 Jacob Heminway to John Woodward...a certain parcel of land lying...in the limits of East Haven and at a place called New Indian Field by estimation twenty acres...being bounded south and west and north by land of Sd Woodward, on the east by the road to south and also certain rights of land in the old Indian field that is to say...Consideration: ...for a valuable satisfaction to me paid that is to say for a certain negro girl named Phillis & fourteen pounds in money to me paid or secured to be paid. Before Saml Bishop Justice of the Peace Nov 23 1726. Vol. 7, p. 55.
- Nov. 4, 1724 Proprietors Committee New Haven to John Woodward quitt claim to certain piece of land lying in that field commonly called the new Indian field on the east side of the harbor...containing thirteen acres $3/4$ and fifteen rods...bounded westerly by said Woodward land and partly by land in the present tenure of Eleazer Brown southerly by land in the present tenure of Joseph Tuttle Junr easterly by a way leading to southerd northerly by land in the present tenure of Revd Jacob Heminway in part, and partly by land in present tenure of Sd Woodward, also in another certain piece of land in sd field containing five acres being bounded westerly by sd Woodward's farme 58 rods northerly, by sd Woodward's land 18 rods easterly by land in present tenure of Sd Mr. Heminway 68 rods, southerly by land of Sd Woodward five rods and a half and also ten eighty second parts of all that twenty acres of land lying in the old Indian fields so called onto east side of harbour in said New Haven south of the path which leads to the stables and lyeth between said

path said Woodward's farm. Consideration:
Twenty one pounds five shillings eight pence
Before Samuel Bishop, Clerk May 13 1729.
Vol. 8, p. 158.

- March 8, 1720-21 John Sock Indian...and Tom to John Woodward one tract or parcel of land...New Haven...east side of harbor...containing seven acres and half...butted and bounded southerly by a line beginning a mear stone by the path or way leading down to the place commonly called the southend from there running westerly strait to a home by the farm or land in the present possession of the Sd Woodward...Then sd tract...is butted northerly upon sd highway to the sd path or way leading to southend from thence upon sd path or way to the aforesd mear stone. Consideration: twelve pounds. Before Saml Bishop Clerk Oct 31 1729. Vol. 8, p. 219.
- May 6, 1731 Stephen Austin to John Woodward a certain tract or parcel of land containing five acres being partly meadow and partly upland situate...and being on the northerly side of the rock commonly called the Pond Rock in East Haven...bounded & butted by a highway leading up to Horem, northerly by land in present tenure of Joshua Austin, easterly by a way at the foot of said Pond Rock and southerly by land in present tenure of James Perison (sp). Consideration: forty two pounds. Before Saml Bishop Clerk May 6 1731. Vol. 9, p. 14.
- June 4, 1731 Thomas Sheppard to John Woodward...one half of a certain tract or parcel of land...four acres...commonly called the little orchard lying undivided between sd Thomas Sheppard and John Sheppard...in East Haven at or near the southeasterly part of the meadow commonly called the ?east (sp) meadow butted and bounded...southerly & easterly by a path or highway northerly by land belonging to the heirs of Samuel Russell and westerly by land in the present tenure of Joseph Tuttle Junr. Consideration: forty pounds. Before Saml Bishop Clerk June 10 1731. Vol. 9, p. 49.
- June 10, 1731 Thomas Sheppard to Reverend John Woodward...the full one half part of a certain tract or parcel of land called the Frogg pond...containing six or seven acres...within the limits of East Haven...bounded easterly on a country road or highway, northerly and westerly on land in the present tenure of Joseph Tuttle Junr and

southerly by a way leading down to the old ferry place. Consideration: a certain tract and parcel of land...partly meadow and partly upland containing five acres...bounded northerly by a highway leading to Horem northerly by land in the present tenure of Joshua Austin easterly by a highway at the foot of the pond Rock so called and southerly by land in the present tenure of James Herison title unto which five acres I have received from Rev. Woodward...before Samuel Bishop June 10 1731. Vol. 9, p.50.

May 8, 1732

John Sheppeard to John Woodward...The full one half part of a parcel of land...partly upland and partly meadow called the Frogg pond the whole of said tract...containing five or six acres...and bounded easterly on a country road or highway, northerly and westerly on land in present tenure of Joseph Tuttle Junr and southerly by a way leading down to the old ferry place. Consideration: eighty pounds and also of the full one half part of a certain tract of land being partly meadow and partly upland commonly called the little orchard containing in the whole of Sd tract or parcel three or four acres...at or near the southeasterly part of the meadow commonly called the fresh meadow...and bounded southerly and easterly by a path or highway, northerly by land belonging to the heirs of Samuel Russell and westerly by land in present tenure of Joshua Tuttle Junr. Right and title unto which sd full half part of sd three or four acres I have received...Before Samuel Bishop Clerk May 8 1732. Vol. 9, p. 171.

June 11, 1725-
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John Sock...Nimrod and Jacob Junr Indians to John Woodward...one tract...in the field commonly called the new Indian field...on east side of the harbour containing eight acres...bounded westerly beginning at a meetstone standing in the corner where a country road and a path leading to southend meet and from thence upon Sd path to another meetstone southerly from thence upon a strait line running easterly to another meetstone (sp) standing by the land in present occupation of the Revd Mr. Jacob Heminway easterly from thence upon Sd land to Sd country road northerly upon Sd country road to the first said meetstone. Consideration: ten pounds. Before Samuel Bishop Clerk May 14 1733. Vol. 9, p. 311.

- Sept. 25, 1735 Samuel Todd to John Woodward...salt meadow... called Black Rock meadows...containing five acres...bounded southerly by meadow in the present tenure of Mr. Alexander Wolcot, easterly on land in present tenure of Sd John Woodward, northerly on meadow belonging to the heirs of Nathaniel Heaton deceased and westerly on the harbor...Consideration: ten pounds. Before Saml Bishop, Clerk, Oct. 3, 1735. Vol. 10, p. 139.
- March 1, 1735/6 Joseph Tuttle to John Woodward...a certain piece of land...in that field commonly called the old Indian field alias old Ferry field on the east side of the harbor...containing one acre...bounded northeasterly by the way leading down to Sd Harbour, westerly by land in the present tenure of Thomas Allcock and on land of Sd Woodward all other parts...Consideration: Five pounds. Before Saml Bishop, Clerk, March 2, 1735/6. Vol. 10, p. 192.
- Dec. 2, 1736 Abel Collins to John Woodward...one tract or parcel of land...near the ferry in East Haven... containing...eight acres...bounded as followeth (viz) beginning at a heap of stones which is Mr. John Hemenways southeast corner lying by a highway leading up to the north village in said New Haven, then abutting westerly partly on land in the present tenure of Sd John Woodward and partly on land in the present tenure of Mr. William Greenough to a heap of stones being by northeast bound there upon land in the present tenure of John Row about fifteen rods to a heap of stones by a doseratt pole, from thence by a straight line running southerly to a heap of stones lying by above said highway, from thence by a line running about fifteen rods to the first station...Consideration: sixteen pounds. Before Saml Bishop, Clerk, March 12, 1736/7. Vol. 10, p. 311.
- Sept. 19, 1737 Samuel Bradley to John Woodward...parcel of land in a place commonly called the new Indian field... by estimation two acres and 3 quarters and sixteen rods...bounded southerly on land in the present tenure and occupation of John Morris, easterly on a path or highway leading to southend, northerly on land in the present tenure and occupancy of Joseph Tuttle Junr and westerly on land belonging to Sd John Woodward...Consideration: Twenty-eight pounds Nine shillings. Vol. 10, p. 385.

- Sept. 20, 1738 George and Sarah Pardee, John and Sarah Thompson, Benjamin and Elizabeth Frisbee to John Woodward three fourths of two acres and a half of land unto a certain tract of salt meadow...being butted and bounded southerly by meadow belonging partly to the Sd Woodward and partly to the heirs of Nathaniel Heaton...deceased, westerly by meadow belonging partly to Eliezar Brown and partly to Sd Woodward and westerly and easterly on land in the present tenure of Sd John Woodward...Consideration: Thirty shillings. Before Samuel Bishop, Clerk, October 3, 1738. Vol. 10, p. 509.
- Oct. 30, 1738 Alexander and Lydia Woolcott to John Woodward... one tract of salt meadow...across the Bar commonly called Creary Bar...five acres bounded northerly by a creek easterly by meadow in present possession of Sd Woodward northerly partly by meadow of Sd Woodward and partly by meadow belonging to the heirs of Thomas Leek deceased to a stake with stones above it by the side of the Harbour and westerly by Sd Harbour to creek. Consideration: Forty three Pounds. Before Samuel Bishop, Clerk, Jan. 17, 1838/9.
- Nov. 24, 1743 John Morris to John Woodward...aforesaid Junr a certain piece of land...commonly called the new Indian field...ten acres and one hundred and eighteen rods bounded westerly by a two rod high-way that goeth through the field and north by the country road that leads from the Ferry to East Haven and easterly by the land called the parsonnage land and southerly by land of Capt. Jo. Tuttle...Consideration: One hundred and twenty six pounds, Six shillings and Six pence. Before Samuel Bishop Clerk Nov. 2S, 1743, Vol. 12, p. 168.
- March 20, 1734/4 Samuel Chidsey to John Woodward...one tract... partly swamp and partly upland at the place commonly called Chidsey field...bounded easterly by Abraham Chidseys land in part and partly by land of the heirs of Samuel Chidsey Junr. Then southerly upon land in present occupation of Nathan Hitchcock then easterly on land of Sd Hitchcock then southerly by the country road thence westerly by the Sd road partly and partly by Joseph Tuttle Junr than northerly by a highway to Sd Abram Chidseys land. Consideration: one hundred and twenty pounds. Before Samuel Bishop, Clerk, March 20, 1743/4. Vol. 12, p. 221.

April 6, 1744 Daniel Morris to John Woodward...tract of land... in the field commonly called the new Indian field... bounded easterly by a line beginning at a meetstone standing in the northwest corner of Sd Daniel Morris land and running straight southwesterly to another meetstone standing in the northeasterly corner of Sd Morris field commonly called Creary field and on Sd John Woodward's land northeasterly containing two acres and three rods. Consideration: Twenty six pounds, six shillings and six pence. Before Samuel Bishop, Clerk, April 6, 1744. Vol. 12, p. 231.

John Leek to John Woodward...The full half part of a certain piece of salt meadow part upland... Before Saml Bishop, Clerk, June 3, 1745. Vol. 12, p. 425.

Information taken from the minutes of New Haven Colony Town Meetings, Vol. 4, 1684-1769:

At a meeting of the freemen in New Haven April 30, 1717, the persons underwritten were accepted to be freemen and took the freemans oath (viz)...Mr. John Woodward. p. 214.

At a town meeting held in New Haven April 30, 1717, granted to Mr. John Woodward, Mr. Jonathan Atwater...there heirs and assigns eight rods wide and in length to the channel of the flats beginning at the end of the highway...provided that the grantees build a wharf forty rods long from the top of high-water mark...p. 211.

At a town meeting December 10, 1717...Mr. John Woodward moved to the town that they would grant him liberty to purchase some land of the Indians to accommodate his farm to build on for a watering place...voated in the negative. p. 214.

At a town meeting December 29, 1718...voted that Mr. John Woodward have the liberty of fencing across the south end of that lane called Collins lane according to a former vote...p. 223.

At a town meeting April 20, 1720...Upon motion of Mr. John Woodward for liberty to purchase a piece of land of New Haven Indians on east side of New Haven Harbour adjoining to the said Woodward farm for his necessity to build an house on that so he may have a dry cellar and also for watering for his cattle... having considered the motion do grant unto the Sd Mr. Woodward... p. 236.

Notes from The East Haven Register compiled by Stephen Dodd, Pastor of the Congregational Church in East Haven, published for the author by A. H. Maltby & Co., New Haven, 1824.

John Woodward mentioned in vote Feb. 1772 on certain building committee p. 68. (Note: does not make clear whether John Jr. or John III).

"enemy burned most buildings within their reach -- July 4, 1779... damage in each town assessed and each person's loss in New Haven was as follows:

John Woodward 837 pounds 17 shillings 3 pence
John Woodward, Jr 740 pounds 19 shillings 11 pence

they burnt 11 dwelling houses, 9 barns and some other out-buildings. p. 75.

Town meeting, 22 Sept. 1771 -- "said road shall keep its course from said Widow Pardee's pasture lot, taking a small corner off John Woodward's land at the SW corner -- page 97.

Reverend John was graduated at Cambridge College, 1693, was ordained Pastor of the Church at Norwich, December 6, 1699; assisted in the Council that compiled Saybrook Platform, 1708; was dismissed from his Pastoral charge, September 13, 1716 and was admitted as an inhabitant of New Haven, December 24 the same year. p. 159.

1709 Poll does not include men of Southend...the Rowe, Brown, Pardee, Woodward...families at Southend remain on the land of their ancestors. p. 48.

Principal descendents of the Reverend John Woodward. The house was passed on according to this list, as supplied by Mrs. LeGrand T. Hazall, last owner and resident of the house.

John Woodward -- married Sarah Rosewell.

John Woodward, Jr., born 1712, married Mary Denison Sept. 3, 1741.
They had John Woodward III born Oct. 6, 1742.

John Woodward III married Ruth Curtisi 1762. They had Hezekiah, born June 13, 1763.

Hezekiah Woodward married Azenath Bradley, April 13, 1794.
They had Richard Woodward, born June 17, 1815.

Richard Woodward married Anna M. Potter, Sept. 15, 1839. They had Mary Azenath, born Sept. 25, 1840.

Mary Azenath Woodward married Collis B. Granniss May 9, 1860.
They had Mary W., born August 19, 1867.

Mary W. Woodward married Andrew P. Allen Oct. 27, 1891. They
had Estelle M. born June 18, 1893.

Estelle M. Allen married Robert Daniel Branley June 30, 1919.
They had Edward Allen and Barbara Woodward.

Estelle M. Allen Branley married LeGrand T. Hazall.

2. Date of erection: c. 1790. HABS architectural research gives evidence that the present house was built on the foundations and cellar of the house built in 1720-22. Although the original house was severely damaged by fire (cf. The East Haven Register, New Haven, 1824, p. 68), there are no evidences of early burning in the present structure. The foundation is too small for the present house, an earlier foundation wall having been supplemented on the exterior by brick to accommodate the present house. It seems then, that the present house was built after the British attack in 1779; certainly it is very conservative and quite like the houses of fifty years before. It is speculated that the new house resembled the old house in design, interior decoration and fittings.

3. Architect: none.

4. Original plans, construction, etc.: None. In June, 1964, the owner and resident of Woodward House, Mrs. LeGrand T. Hazall, supplied the following information:

Panelling in bedroom was uncovered during Mrs. Hazall's lifetime. Room on northwest first floor had wide board wainscot at window sill height.

Room on northeast first floor had a chair rail with plaster below; plaster 2" thick, cased opening to room on southeast.

Fireplace and oven have not been changed except faced with modern wooden facing when wall was furred out by Mr. Hazall. There was a door from the kitchen to the front room on the northeast.

5. Alterations and additions: West wing is believed to have been built one year after the original house.

Front porch added during time of Mrs. Hazall's grandfather c. 1885.

Mr. Hazall wallpapered all the rooms, applying wallboard directly on the original wide board walls; his opinion is that the lathing is oak and was applied with hand wrought nails.

Evidence of charred wood in basement under the addition is from recent fire during occupancy of the Hazalls.

6. Important old views: North front, prior to addition of front porch, undated (Negative C). North and east facades, clapboard gable end, predates Negative A. (Negative B). North and east facades, shingled gable (Negative A).

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure:

The Reverend John Woodward owned a huge farm and many houses in the area which is now divided between East Haven and New Haven. He and his sons, Rosewell and John Woodward, Jr., held many official positions in the colonial government of New Haven, among them the post of surveyor -- a position they were well qualified for since they owned or had interest in much of the land they were to survey. The original house was burned by the British in 1779, in their first attack on New Haven. The Woodwards suffered more damage than any of their neighbors.

C. Sources of Information:

1. Primary and unpublished sources:

Arnold G. Dana, New Haven Old and New, unpublished scrapbooks in the archives of the New Haven Colony Historical Society, 114 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

Interviews by John D. Hoag and Woodrow W. Wilkins with Mrs. L. T. Hazall. Sketches and deeds in the possession of Mrs. Hazall.

2. Secondary and published sources:

The New Haven City Directory, 1840 to 1852 (copies in Yale Library, Public Library, and New Haven Colony Historical Society Library.)

The New Haven Land Records Office Archives in the Land Records Office, Hall of Records for the City of New Haven, Orange Street, New Haven, Conn., referred to by number of volume and page, e. g., 333.444: vol. 333, page 444.

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PART 11. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Although the existing house replaced an earlier house built by the Reverend John Woodward (burned by the British in 1779), the basic plan of the oldest portion of the house today is typical of the fifth stage of plan development of early Connecticut houses described by Frederick J. Kelly in The Early Domestic Architecture of Connecticut, Yale Press, New Haven, 1942, p. 14. It has suffered periods of repair and remodeling, yet there still remains sufficient original interior walls, paneling, trim, and flooring to merit attention. Although the very early addition of a wing to the west of the original portion practically doubled the length of the house, it will only be mentioned below where necessary for clarification.
2. Condition of fabric: Since the house has been continuously lived in and maintained by descendants of the Reverend John Woodward, it is in fairly good condition. Most of the original fabric is readily identifiable. Major structural defects appear only in the cellar beams which are quite badly deteriorated from dry rot. This has caused a marked settlement in the floors of the downstairs rooms.

B. Technical Description of the Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: Old portion measures 38'-10 1/4" x 28'-3"; the addition measures 37'-3" x 33'-3".
2. Foundations: The foundation walls visible in the partial cellar are field stone set in clay mortar. Portions of the wall possibly predate the existing house. Many of the joints exposed in the cellar have been re-pointed with modern cement mortar. The existing exposed face of the north wall of the cellar is approximately 2'-0" inside of the north wall of the first floor, leading one to believe that this wall is the limits of the north wall of the original house. Another reason for this opinion is the fact that this wall, as well as a portion of the south wall beyond the bulkhead, is fieldstone for the full height up to the floor joists. The upper 2'-0" of the remaining walls are brick resting on the fieldstone. These face brick on the exterior are painted grey and appear to be a later brick than those on the interior.
3. Wall construction: Based upon structure visible in the cellar and in the attic, this is a typical heavy wooden frame consisting of heavy hand hewn timbers for sills, girts and plates, framing into posts cased and exposed on the interior. There are four corner posts and two pairs

of intermediate posts. Chimney girts parallel to the ends of the house frame into these intermediate posts. In the west gable of the attic it is possible to see that clapboards, measuring 4 1/2 to 5 inches long, are nailed directly to the frame without sheathing. Above the attic overhang of the east gable, the exterior wall is shingled of a later date. The lower floors on all sides also have clapboards, diminishing in width from bottom to top. Beneath the modern wallpaper is plaster of undetermined date and thickness. A statement by the present owner, who has made some modern mechanical improvements in the house, relates that this plaster is two inches thick and is on oak lath. There is an overhang at each story, including the attic, on all sides. Since the overhang is slight, it is probably hewn rather than framed.

4. Chimneys: There is one large central chimney which is centered on the ridge line of the roof. It is built on a massive fieldstone foundation. The stone work is carried up to a point just above the attic floor line; from there, brick is used in a single course extending through the roof. The chimney encloses four separate flues.
5. Porches: None of the existing porches is original. The front porch, which ties the original portion to the later addition, consists of five bays and probably dates to the late 1800's. Of more interest, is an early undated photograph which shows a separate portico of classical design at each of the two entrances. Here are Doric columns and a well proportioned entablature supporting what appears to be a flat roof. In the rear, on the south, there is a modern wooden deck with canopy over the kitchen door. Adjacent to the deck is a bulkhead hatchway leading to the cellar. The sidewalks below grade are fieldstone, while on the exterior they are vertical beaded boards. Double doors constructed of the same type boards are used here.
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways: None of the exterior doors are original. The two existing on the north have four panels with one glazed panel above. The early photograph referred to above shows six panels with the upper panels having curved heads. This photograph also shows full length louvered shutters at all doors and windows on the north wall. At the original opening, there are presently sidelights flanking the front door on the interior. These are not visible on the exterior since clapboards are carried across them to the door trim. It is not possible to determine whether existing modern rear door is located in the original opening of a rear door. The

exterior trim around all doors indicates adaptation of earlier openings. It is quite possible that clapboards on the first floor are not all original.

- b. Windows and shutters: On the north wall of the original section are nine double hung windows -- two closely spaced windows are arranged symmetrically on each side of the central axis on both floors. The remaining window opening is above the axial doorway. Some of these windows are 2/2 and others are 6/6 lights. On the east wall, there are two windows symmetrically disposed on each floor, including the cellar and attic. All except the attic windows are in vertical alignment. All except the basement windows are double hung 2/2 and 6/6. On the south wall, alterations appear to have disturbed the original disposition of windows. There are three double hung windows and a small 4-light window on the second floor. The middle and end windows are 6/6 and the other end window is 2/2. On the first floor, four double hung 2/2 windows are unsymmetrically arranged with respect to the kitchen door. Only the end windows on both floors are vertically aligned. On the west side where the two story addition occurs, only one small 4-light window is visible on the exterior. This window is adapted into a larger window frame visible in the attic. Also visible from within is a second partial window frame which has been cut to door length to provide access between the old and the new attics. It should be noted that the gable on the west, between the two attics is the most likely undisturbed portion of the original fabric.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Simple gable roof with modern asphalt shingles laid over wooden shingles.
- b. Framing: Hand hewn rafters with collar-beams spaced nonuniformly from 5'8" to 7'-0". Nonuniformly spaced purlins span the rafters and support sawn wide boards framed vertically. The hewn purlins are finished flat on the top surface to receive the sheathing boards and are only rough-shaped on the other faces with some bark still intact.
- c. Dormers: None

C. Description of the Interior:

1. Floor plans:

- a. First floor: The oldest portion of the house is

typical of the central chimney plan type as it developed. In front of the chimney is the stair hall, or what was then called the "porch." There is one room on each side of this entrance, connected to it by doors. Across the rear of the house are three rooms: the middle one, which is the kitchen, is separated from the rear left room by the enclosed steep rear stairs; the room on the rear right was most likely the buttery or pantry which was altered to provide a modern bath. In the two front rooms are fireplaces, off centered in paneled walls. There is also a large fireplace and oven in the kitchen. The wood facing of this fireplace is a recent addition.

The front and rear rooms on the east end are connected by a wide cased opening which was added by the present occupant who, at the same time, sealed an original opening between the front room and kitchen. Similarly, a door which is presently visible in the kitchen on the west side of the fireplace was sealed on the opposite face, and a new door was cut on the same wall for access to the new bath.

- b. Second floor: The same arrangement of five rooms is found, although the cross partitions do not line up on both floors. A modern bath has been adapted between the stair and the middle room upstairs.

The only fireplace upstairs is in the northeast room, although the chimney wall in the northwest room is paneled similar to all fireplace walls.

All the openings and doors upstairs are apparently original, except the door to the new bath over the rear stairs.

The lower portion of the original stairs to the attic has been removed and the space adapted to a closet in the small stair hall on the second floor. Closets have also been added in the rooms upstairs.

The attic is an uninterrupted and unfinished space, except for the chimney. The upper section of the original attic stairs is in place in the attic floor near the chimney. Existing access to the attic is from the attic of the addition, through what was an original window in the west gable.

2. Stairways: The front stairs are right-hand, steep, and flat "U" shaped in plan with winders at both angles. Treads are enclosed in a boxed string which is molded and below which is a paneled wall. A door leads to a closet beneath the stairs. The newels are square in section terminating in relatively

crude molding. The two upper newels terminate in pendant fashion, simply molded, below the boxed string. Balusters are also simple square sections set diagonally. The hand-rail is molded. The rear stairs with winders at the bottom are steep. The walls which enclose this stair are the original beveled boards, 15'-3/4" to 17" wide. The cellar stairs are located under the rear stairs.

3. Flooring: All floors downstairs are modern oak. Upstairs, the original flooring of wide pine boards remains.
4. Walls and ceilings: All walls and partitions except the paneled walls in the front rooms on both floors are finished with wallpaper. In the kitchen there is a scored hardboard wainscot. The wallpaper is directly applied to plaster on the exterior walls. On the interior partitions it is applied to a wallboard which in turn is installed directly over what is probably the original wall of wide vertical boards, similar to that which is visible on the interior of the rear stair. All ceilings are plaster except in the kitchen where accoustical tileboard is used.
5. Doorways and doors: Besides the modern doors, there are two types: One, the batten doors, consist of two wide vertical boards, 7/8" thick, which are held together by three horizontal battens with beveled edges; two, four-panel doors also 7/8" thick with cross rails tenoned into the stiles. The panels are raised on one side only, being 1/8" at the thinnest section.
6. Trim: In addition to obviously modern trim where modern windows have been installed, there seems to be isolated sections of older and, possibly original, trim. Although the chair rails were removed when the walls were plastered, some of the walls still retain a chair rail which is a continuation of the window sill in size and profile. This is most evident in the northwest room on the second floor. It is believed that all of the wall paneling is original, although in some cases additional molding has been added at the doorways. Also, the mantle shelves appear to be of a later date, and in one instance, the shelf was extended additionally by a curved section planted on the edge. The fireplace opening is framed with a bold molding which averages 5 1/2" in depth and is non-symmetrically profiled. There is a ceiling molding on one wall only. Structural posts, where exposed on the interior, are cased.
7. Hardware: Early hinges are of two types: HH and HL, the ends of the latter being spear shaped. Simple latch handles and thumb-latches are to be found on most of the doors.

8. Lighting: Modern electric.
9. Heating: Modern central heat has been installed in the cellar.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The house is at the intersection of two busy streets, which have encroached upon the natural rise of the original property and necessitated a stone retaining wall at the existing sidewalk. The entrance faces north with the driveway and garden at the rear or south side of the house.
2. Enclosures: None.
3. Outbuildings: One modern outbuilding southwest of the house.
4. Walks: Modern concrete.
5. Landscaping: Flowers and shrubs.

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